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Application No.: 09/934361 Group Art Unit: 1731
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Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURE OF AN OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE ARTICLE
INCLUDING A FLUORINE-CONTAINING ZONE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2003. Claims 1-35 are pending. Claims 1-35 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

I. Claims 1-21, 25-32 and 35 are said to be drawn to method of making an optical fiber, classified in Class 65, subclass 376;

II. Claims 22-24 and 33-34 are said to be drawn to an optical fiber, classified in Class 385, subclass 1+.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

The Restriction Requirement further states as follows:

"This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species A from Group I drawn to a forming cladding layers inside the substrate tube, see claim 1. Species B also from Group I drawn to forming one or more outer cladding layers, see claim 25.

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In response, Applicants elect to prosecute Species A from Group I, which is believed to correspond to claims 1-21, and generic claim 35.


Conclusion

An examination and a notification of allowance of the pending claims is respectfully solicited.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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